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LOUISA, LAWRENCE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, MARCH 24, 1916.

HENRY YOUTSEY'S CASE TO THE FRONT

DISCUSSION PRECIPITATED BY STATEMENT OF A PRISON COMMISSIONER.

The following statement given out by the Chairman of the Frison mission has stirred up the Henry Youtsey matter again:

Frankfort, Ky., March 21.—Daniel E. O'Sullivan, chairman of the Prison Coremission, gave out the following statement to-day:

"At the next meeting of the Prison Commission, Tuesday, April 4, 1 am go-ing to present the name of Henry Youtsey for parole, I have not discussed the matter with my associates cussed the matter with my associates action as unaccessary."

At least one-half of the paroles this take of it. But my duty is clear. The time has come when I must vote to give Youtsey the benefit of the parole us no discretion. These were conviculation of the Confer. It was partaken of the paroles this president has for the last three years clous one. It was partaken of by devoted his energies to the upbuilding about forty companion Royal Arch Matoria and I do not know what view they will be affair a pronounced success. time has come when I must vote to give Youtsey the benefit of the parole law. He is entitled to it by length of service, by continuous valuable work for the last. for the State, by the provisions of the law, and by every dictate of fairness and humanity. He has served more than sixteen years for his crime. During my term of office we have paroled 2,300 convicts, guilty of every crime in the calendar, and at every meeting of the Prison Commission we parele some life prisoner who has served less than half the time Youtsey has served. The law under which he was sentenced entitles him to a parole after five years. He has served more than three times five years, and for twelve years he has

been eligible.
"I believe in the parele law. It is a
wise and merciful law. It has done more to promote discipline in the prison than all other influences combined. It should apply to itemry Youtsey as to every other convict, white or black.

"Youtsey's crime was the most dastardly in the long record that has drenched Kentucky in blood. Wheth-er he fired the shot that murdered Wm. was equally guilty and should have paid the extreme penalty. But the jury that tried him gave him a life parole. Youtsey was a mere boy in years, and the cowards who fired his wretched brain and sought to profit by his act are guiltier than he. They are all free, some driven in disgrace from their native State, others gaining political preferment for their share in the murder of Wm. Goebel, all of them beneficiaries of undeserved pardons.

Youtsey alone is tortured on the rack of a life imprisonment. I believe that the people of Kentucky, irrespective of party, want him paroled I honor Justus Goebel for his devotion to his brother's memory. His loyalty and his self-sacrifice ennoble him. I do not want to open his wounds afresh, not want to open his wounds afresh, and the self-sacrifice and my oath dying days of the legislature and finalbut under my conscience and my oath Henry Youtsey.

newspapers of Louisville and Lexington at once wired the two other members of the Board for a statement, of their position, Both F. T. Thomas Campbell, 20, to Ella May, Hatches and M. F. Conley replied that they would vote against the parele.

ment of his position in the matter of paroling Heary Youtsey, M. F. Conley.

Prison Commissioner, gave out the fol-In response to a request for a state lowing to the newspapers:

Louisa, Ky., March 22.- Only an un usual situation could induce me to make a statement about a parole in advance of the Board's action.

I shall vote against the parole of Henry Youtsey, one of the conspirators and assassins of Governor Goebel, at any time the case may come before the Board while I am a member, I con-sider assassination the worst of all crimes. It is committed in deliberation, not in sudden passion. Only a demon can contemplate and execute this dastardly crime. The victim has no chance to defend himself, to flee for his life, to beg for mercy, to adjust his material or spiritual affairs, or to send a last goodbye to his family. If the law has any right to inflict the death penalty, surely justice demands its appli-cation in all cases of assassination Furthermore, I believe that in its re-lation to a people who have made laws to protect life and property, the pardoning of an assassin is a crime against

The fact that all the other assassing associated with Youtsey in his heigous crime have been turned free certainly does not furnish other officials an ex-cuse for committing the same grave offense against justice and against all the guarantee of life that law can give. After having been proven guilty he ed. Not before.

I believe in the parole law, but the Hoard has wide discretion in its appli-cation and is supposed to consider the degree and circumstances of the crime. The assassination of Wm. Goebel and the events following it from the worst

desirable employment in the prison than most other convicts because he is better fitted by education and experience than almost any other man in there. Being a good stenographer he is assigned to office work because his services are worth more to the State there than elsewhere. He is well treat-ted, as nearly all convicts should be. Justus Goebel, fighting for his life daily against disease, a battle which

began before his eminent brother was so ruthlessly murdered, deserves me consideration in this matter at the hands of the officials of our State than all the assassins in or out of prisons. o'clock yesterday afternoon and last-if sympathy and sentiment are to play ed until midnight in the parlors of the If sympathy and sentiment are to play any part in this case I don't see how it can rest elsewhere than upon this worthy brother, whose life, already carrying the burden of ill health, has been wrecked by the awful crime for which Youtney has as yet paid only a comparatively light penalty. I deem it proper to state here, however, that no ward has come to me from Mr. Geebel about this case, nor to the Board since I have been a member, so far as I now recall. He has probably regarded such action as unaccessary."

Led until midnight in the parlors of the parlors of the parlors of the same place. And local trustees of the same place, and local Companions. At the conclusion of the sussion, the certmonial part of the session, the mented by the serving of a superb lumented by the ser

tions under the 1910 law.

Fate of Assassins in Lawrence.

About thirty years ago an assassination occurred in Lawrence county. The victim was a poor man. Con-performed the duties in connection viction on circumstantial evidence was with those of presiding elder of Ashmade in the court, the sentence of death land district. During the present year was imposed and later inflicted by his attention is being engrossed by the method used. The assussin's accom-plice was given a sentence of life im- work toward the creation of a \$100,000 plice was given a sentence of life im-prisonment and died in the penitentiary. We do not recall another assassination in Lawrence county since for one dollar subscriptions by has that. Certainly adequate punishment practically lifted the floating debt of that. Certainly adequate punishment has a wholesome restraining influence the institution upon men mean enough to commit assussination.

Gov. Stanley on Youtsey Case.

The Lexington Leader says; Governor Stanley this afternoon was asked what his views were regarding the parole of Youtsey. "That is a mat-ter for the board," he said. "I have er he fired the shot that murdered with.

Goebel or conspired to assassinate him troubles enough of my own without trying to decide questions which do not concern me. I think the board is ment of the election of Dr. Darlington quite competent to attend to Youtsey.

Cards announcing the marriage of the institution up to these of the church.

Mr. Wm. O. Tracy to Miss Blanche
Rudisill Shirey, of Bluefield, W. Va.,

L. V. W. Darlington was born in have been received here. The mark Rudisili Shirey, of Bluefield, W. Va., have been received here. The marriage occurred March 18th.

Mr. Tracy is a civil engineer, well of his native county and at Kentucky

Winchester, Ky.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MAN.

but under my conscience and my oath dying days of the legislature and final-of office I must vote for the parole of ly aided in the disinfection of the capital building.-Ashland Independent.

The following marriage license was at Parkersburg.

DAVID ELSWICK SETS LAUDABLE reds of people. No selection which EXAMPLE IN LAWRENCE COUNTY.

We are glad to hear of the work of one enterprising citizen of Lawrence county in a direction that would solve the bad roads problem if all others would follow his example.

David Elswick, living on East Fork, was out Tuesday with an improved road drag, putting the road alongside his farm into good condition. The rains had put this road into the same muddy, sloppy condition as all others is this county. His drag was chasing the ley; Jay W. Carter, of Fallsburg; Wa water off of the road, smoothing the W. Wray, of Richardson, and L. H. surface, and putting a crown on the York and A. W. Bromley. Several matthis county. His drag was chasing the read so that the next rain that falls ters of professional interest were duwill run off. The parties from Louisa cussed, and the Society adjourned to who drove along there say the difference between that piece of road and all April.

others they saw was wonderful. The success of the road drag used as MORE NITROGLYCERINE directed by the U. S. department of good roads, is being demonstrated in many places. In a few counties the farmers have taken up the matter and I would stand against the pardon or parole of any of Youtsey's guilty as-sociates if I had a chance. Then why make an exception in his case? Doubt er is dragging the roads adjacent to of guilt is the only ground upon which his farm. Any county will furnish the of guilt is very vote to parole any assas-drags on such an arrangement as this. ain. There is none in Youtsey's case. A few days work in this way in each year with a drag, used at the right time, would give Lawrence county bet-ter roads than four times the present

amount of revenue can produce Here is a great opportunity for of our enterprising citizens, with the aid of the county farm agent, to or-

REV. DARLINGTON **ELECTED PRESIDENT**

MORRIS HARVEY COLLEGE AT BARBOURSVILLE, WEST VA.

ence. When he concluded a pastorate of four years at Johnson Memorial host at this elegant "spread" was Comchurch he accepted the post of Conferpanion Geo. R. Burgess, who providence Secretary of Education. He held this post a year and the second year this elegant midnight supper. endowment fund for Morris Harvey while this year, through a campaign

Morris Harvey College is located at Barboursville, the former county seat, seven miles east of Huntington on the

Guyandotte river. Some regret was expressed that the step meant the retirement of Dr. Darlington from the ministry but it was pointed out that many of the great leaders of Southern Methodism have come up through the church schools.

It was stated when the announce was made that this would not mean any change in the policy of the school, the board being determined to keep on

Shelby-co., Ky., August 3, 1879. He

known in this city, and a native of Wesleyan College, where he was prepared for the ministry.

He was admitted to the Kentucky
Conference of the Methodist Episcopal

Church, South, in 1896 and was made pastor of East Maysville and Washington Stations. His next station was Millersburg, where he spent one year. The next year he went to Covington his first important station, where he

spent four years, thereafter transfer-ring to the Western Virginia Conference to be pastor of the First Church After Parkersburg he came to Hunt-

ington to be paster of Johnson Memorial church. It was under the inspira tion of his leadership that the church erected its present magnificent edi-nce. No pastor who has served in Huntington has been more deeply loved by his own people than was he-few CITIZEN DRAGS ROAD If any have achieved such popularity without the bounds of his denomina-

He has continued to live in Hunting ton and is loved and admired by hundthe presidency of Morris Harvey could have been more popular than this bids

Dr. Darlington was given his degree Doctor of Divinity, by his alma mater Kentucky Weslyan, two years ago.— Herald-Dispatch.

LAWRENCE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

This body held its regular monthly meeting on Monday last at the office of Dr. A. W. Bromley, this city. Those present were Drs. L. S. Hays, of Char meet in Louisa on the third Monday in

STORED NEAR LOUISA

The Marietta Torpedo company has again deposited a considerable quan-Louisa. Some objection is being offered by residents of that neighborhood. known here as a quiet, industrious man shal Robert Philpet, who had gone to Certainly there should be better protection around the place than before in order to warm persons who may happen along and not know of the danger. It is too near a public road. What was more than a box fastened with a padlock, lying out near the road. Boys not knowing the nature of the contents are liable to break into such a recep-tacle to see what it contains. More

vice since that the Warden has found fully restored.

He is a brother of Messrs, Lindsay land increased at the same time to sconduct against him. He has more and Monroe Ferguson, of this place.

MASONS ENJOY GOOD "EATS" AT CHAPTER MEETING.

Priday evening March 17th was the time for holding the regular convoca-tion of Louisa Chapter No. 95, R. A. M On this occasion large attendance caused by the fact that the Royal Arch degrees were to be conferred upon three persons who had already taken the degrees of Past Master, Mark Master and Most Excellence Master. The candidates for exaltation were Messrs, Ed Wellman, B. J. Calloway and W. L. In a session which began at two Ferguson, all of this city. The degree was conferred in a splendid way by Companion Geo. P. Ginn, State In-

RAILROAD PLANNED FOR KNOTT CAPITAL

Whitesburg, Ky., March 17 .- Local people of Hindman and Knott county with which to build a narrowgauge railroad line from the mouth of Jones' fork on the Beaver creek branch of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad to Hindman, twenty miles, and, as planned, actual construction will start this spring. Already over \$190,000 has been subscribed, and other contributions of considerable size are yet in sight and will be made within the next few days. H. C. Francis, a young business man of Hindman, fostered the idea, while

contributing liberally. The new road will prove a great will give a market for many of the which the Thirty-sixth district is pro-products of the county, while it will posed to be taken are at present Demenable the merchants to get their goods at their doors instead of a twenty-mile haul over rough, almost impassable, mountain roads during the winter months. Hindman is sure of the road, and there is great rejoicing among the inhabitants of the long neglected town.

THE COURTS.

The regular spring term of the Law-ence Fiscal Court will begin Monday, April third. It will set as a Court of

The Lawrence Circuit Court will be-gin April 19th. There is every prospect for a busy term.

REAL ESTATE DEAL.

Garred S. Wilson has recently purchased the property now occupied by Eldorado theater. The lot has a depth of about 120 feet, with an outlet to Perry-st. The purchaser does not expect to occupy it for some time. The location is a good one.

OF SHERMAN PIGG

NATIVE OF LOUISA DIES AT HIS HOME NEAR CIN-CINNATI.

Sherman Pigg, 50 years old, Delhi, farmer, died suddenly at his home yesterday. He had been ill a week and yesterday took medicine prescribed by physician. He died an hour later, Mrs. Pigg said he died during a convulsion Dr. B. Lehman, who was called after the man died, told the Coroner that death probably was due to natural causes. The Coroner will investigate. -Cincinnati Enquirer.

The body of the deceased was brought to this city Thursday morning and was Fulkerson cemetery.

place by Mr. Pigg's wife and daugh-ter. The deceased was born in this city 52 years ago and was the son of Thomas Pigg and is survived by his father, one brother, two sisters and tity of nitroglycerine near the spot of three children. The past ten years he the recent explosion, two miles west of had been living near Delhi, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati. He was well killed Saturday night by Town Mar-

is too near a public road. What was caused by lockjaw, which resulted from claims Vaughn fired first, called a magazine before was nothing the loss of a finger in a saw mill where he was at work

The exents following it from the worst following in deciding the following in following

REDISTRICTING LAW TO BE FOUGHT IN COURT

BE PROHIBITED BY CON-STITUTION.

Frankfort, Ky., March 22,-Opponents of the new Thirty-sixth judicial district, which takes Wolfe out of the

Section 128 of the Constitution says n this subject: "The number of said having a population of 150, shall not

Outside of Jefferson county there are 2,026,685 people in Kentucky and dividing it by 66,000 allows thirty-three and a sufficiently large fraction for thirtyfour judicial districts outside Jefferso county, according to the contention of the opponents of the new district.

BREATHITT DEMOCRATS

Among Those Most Bitter Against Change in Districts.

Winchester, Ky., March 22.-Hundreds of Democrats from the counties of Carter, Lawrence, Elliott, Morgan, starting a subscription campaign Floyd, Knott, Magoffin, Breathitt, Lee. Estill and Wolfe are urging Gov. Stan ley to veto the bill for the establishment of the proposed Thirty-sixth ju dicial district, which was passed by the late Legislature, stating that it will render all the districts proposed to be charged Republican and cause the new Thirty-sixth to be a Republican dis-

Breathitt county alone sent an urgent petition signed by 2,000 Demo-crats urging the Governor to veto the the business interests of the town are bill, which they say will work a great hardship and injustice on the good The new road will prove a great Democrats of all these counties. They enefit to the town so far remote, and further state that all districts from ocratic whenever good nominations are made by the Democratic party. Scores of Democrats have been passing thru Winchetser during the last few days to protest against the measure.-Louisville Times.

Judge Cisco Protests.

West Liberty, Ky., March 22.—Cir-cuit Court is in session here this week with Judge Allan Cisco on the bench and Jno.M.Waugh as Commonwealth's Attorney. Judge Cisco is the first Re-publican Judge ever elected in this district, and this being his home town and county, a crowded court room heard his instructions to the grand jury. At the conclusion of his instructions he took occasion to pay his re spects to the Legislature for their act in creating a new judicial district. The new act compens Judge Cisco to leave composed of Morgan, Wolfe and Magoffin counties.

FORMER KENTUCKIAN MARRIES IN WYOMING

The NEWS is in receipt of the fol- DEATH OF GOOD lowing card. The groom is Mr. James A. Elliott, who was at one time a resident of Wilbur, this county. We ex-

tend congratulations: Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bishop announce the marriage of their daughter Katherine Elvira to

Mr. James A. Elliott Tuesday, the fourteenth of March nineteen hundred and sixteen Casper, Wyoming

At Home Lauder, Wyoming

MRS. G. F. FRIEL SAID TO BE HOPELESSLY ILL.

Mrs. G. F. Friel, of Ashland, is in the afternoon with services at the house, conducted by the Rev. H. B. Hulett. Interment was read in the desired results. We regret very much to learn of this. Mrs. Friel is Hulett. Interment was read. house, conducted by the Rev. H. B. an excellent woman. Her husband was Hulett. Interment was made in the for many years one of the publishers ulkerson cemetery.

The body was accompanied to this They have two sons and one daughter, all grown.

TOWN MARSHAL KILLS YOUTH AT IRVINE, KY

Irvine, Ky., March 29.—Jesse Vaughan, 19 years old, was shot and and an excellent carpenter.

There was no inquest held over the the abdomen and died before receiving arrest him. Vaughan was shot through emains.

It is said that Mr. Pigg's death was Vaughan had been drinking. Philpet

PUPIL-NURSE.

Miss Kathleen Lackey, of this city, MR. BOWLING DOING NICELY.

Miss Kathleen Lackey, of this city, has been named as a student-nurse in Mr. N. N. Bowling, of Louisa, who the training school for nurses connect-

TESTIMONY CLOSES IN FORT GAY CASE.

M. F. CONLEY, Publisher.

Testimony was presented to the public service commission at the state house today by the Norfolk & Western NEW DISTRICT DECLARED TO sought by petitioners at Ft. Gay to have the railroad passenger station moved from its present location to Bridge-st., 2,000 feet away.

This is probably the last testimony that will be taken in the case, in which the railroad company was represented today by H. C. Duncan and W. K. Cowden, of Huntington, while the petitioners were represented by R. C. Mc-Clure, of Louisa, Ky.

Witnesses for the railroad company were J. T. Carey, superintendent of the Scioto division and H. T. Reinnicker, assistant superintendent of that division.-The Charleston Post.

This case pending before the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, contemplates the removal of the Fort Gay depot to Bridge-st., the east end of the Big Sandy bridge. The matter was before put up to the N. & W. and the request was refused, whereupon Messrs. L. T. McClure, Louisa, and W. L. Borders, Ft. Gay, plaintiffs, filed an indictment against the N. & W. railroad before the Public Service Com-mission, of West Virginia, at Charleston. The first hearing in this case be-fore the Commission was had at Ft. Gay, West Va., January 17, 1916, and the taking of testimony on the part of the defendant railroad company was concluded at Charleston last Friday. The case is to be argued, orally, before the Commission sometime in April.

G. W. HUTCHISON TAKEN BY DEATH.

Former Magistrate G. W. Hutchison. age 74 years, died last Saturday morning at one-forty o'clock at the residence at 322 Washington avenue after a lingering illness of several weeks with Brights disease. He was well known throughout the city and was one of the

Mr. Hutchison served in the Union army during the Civil war and member of the Bailey Post G. A. R .-

Huntington Herald.

Mr. Hutchison formerly resided in this county where he had numerous relatives. His wife, who survives him, was Miss Tennie Vinson, a daughter of the late Col. William Vinson. Besides the widow there remain children and grandchildren. Interment was made Monday and was very largely attended Union veterans from all parts of West Virginia being there,

JEFF NEWBERRY FOR DELEGATE AT LARGE.

Jeff Newberry, who is at the head of the large wholesale shoe house of Huntington, wants to go to the Na-tional Democratic convention at St. Louis as a delegate at large from the State of West Virginia. Here's hoping that he may be chosen. He is the type of man who should have a place in such delegations—a successful, progressive business man. He is a lcyal Democrat, a clean, popular gentleman and has the ability to acquit himself this county, as the created district is composed of Morgan. Wolfe and Ma-counties in this section of West Virginia should take up his cause and see from the State-at-large.

WOMAN AT AGE 86

MRS. MARY CHAFFIN PASSES AWAY AT RIPE OLD AGE.

Mrs. Mary Chaffin, mother of Mr. R. S. Chaffin, of Louisa, died March 18th, at Blaine, age 86 years. She died of lagrippe and weight of years. She was buried Sunday at the old home place on Blaine, by the side of her husband, who died in July, 1872. She had ten children, 5 of whom all sons, are liv-ing. The maiden name of the deceasin poor health for some time and one Lynchburg, Va., and moved to Ken-or more operations have failed to bring tucky about 1842. Mrs. Cheffer tucky about 1842. had been a member of M. E. Church for many years, and was converted at a meeting held by Rev. French Rice in the winter of 1892. She was widely and favorably known in the Blaine country as an excellent neighbor, Her funeral was conducted by the Rev. Anderson Moore, a great number of friends and relatives being present, Notwithstanding her great age Mrs. Chaffin's mind was clear to the last.

PRESTON-MILLS.

Albert Mills, a prominent young man of Martin-co, was united in marriage Thursday to Miss Elmer Preston of Mingo, this county. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Pres-The bride is a

ton, of Mingo and one of Johnson county's most popular young ladies. The groom is a leading young man of Martin-co., living a few miles out from Incz. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. E. J. Harris of this city, after which an elegant din-ner was served. The young couple left